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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Hazards: None

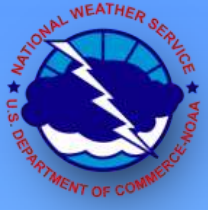
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Key Points



Tuesday - Saturday

- Isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms across Region 6 each day
- No significant impacts expected






Tropical Outlook

- Danny dissipated yesterday and advisories are no longer being issued.
- Tropical Storm Erika: Located 800 miles east of the Leeward Islands. Movement westward at around 20 mph. It is too early to tell whether this storm will have impacts to FEMA Region 6.

*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Aug 25, 2015 - Aug 29, 2015

DAY/ THREAT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Severe Weather					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Heat					
Tropical					
Fire					

	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

We continue to welcome feedback on our new color scale (details in the next slide). Please send comments to sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov.

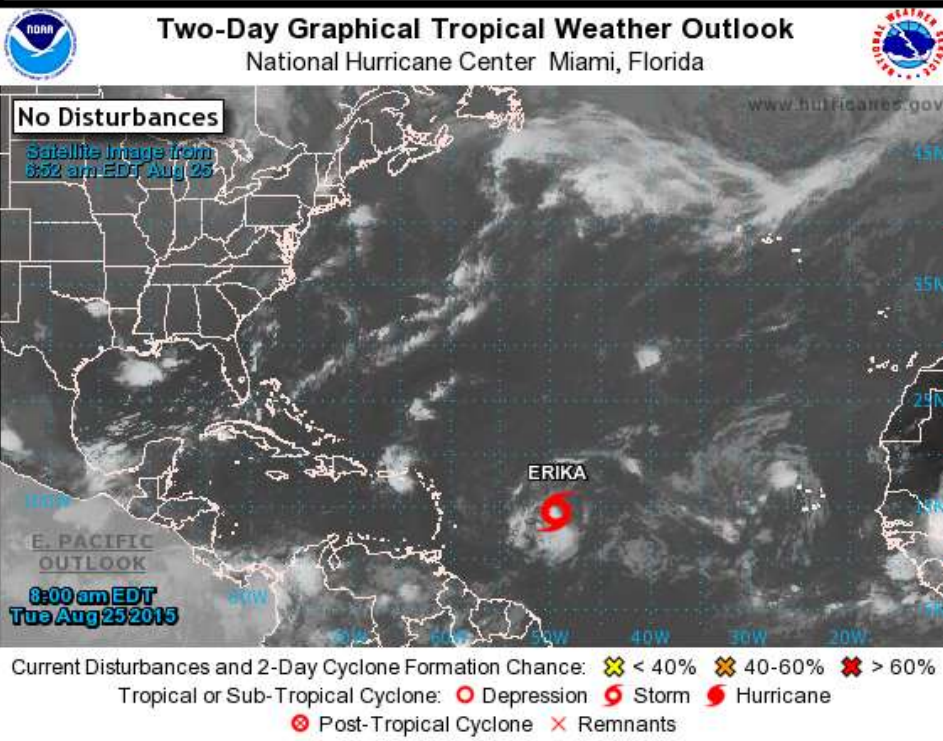


The criteria for the color codes in our briefings is below, please provide any feedback to sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov.



Weather "Threat" Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

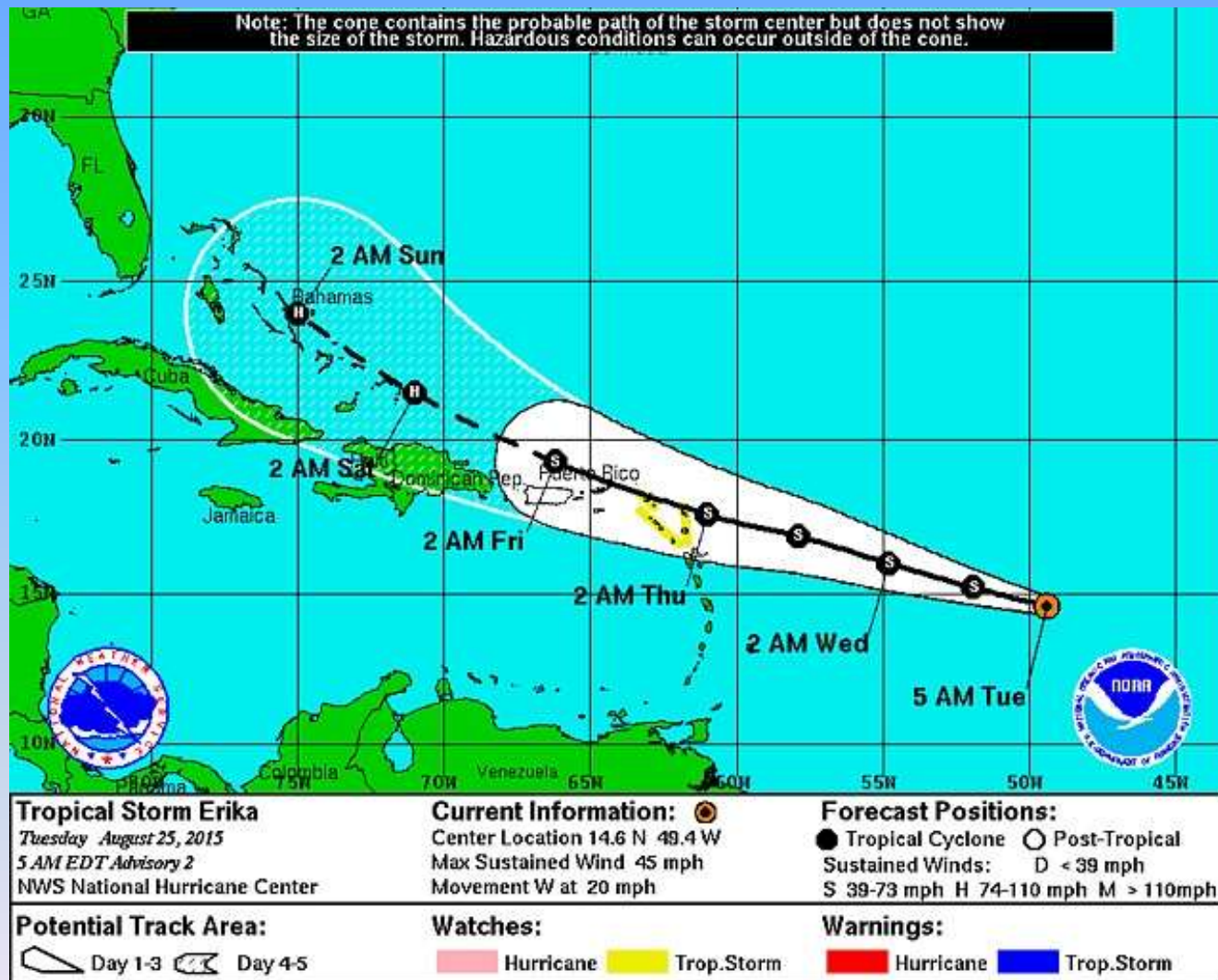
Atlantic/Gulf Tropical Weather Outlook



More information on Erika on the following slide.

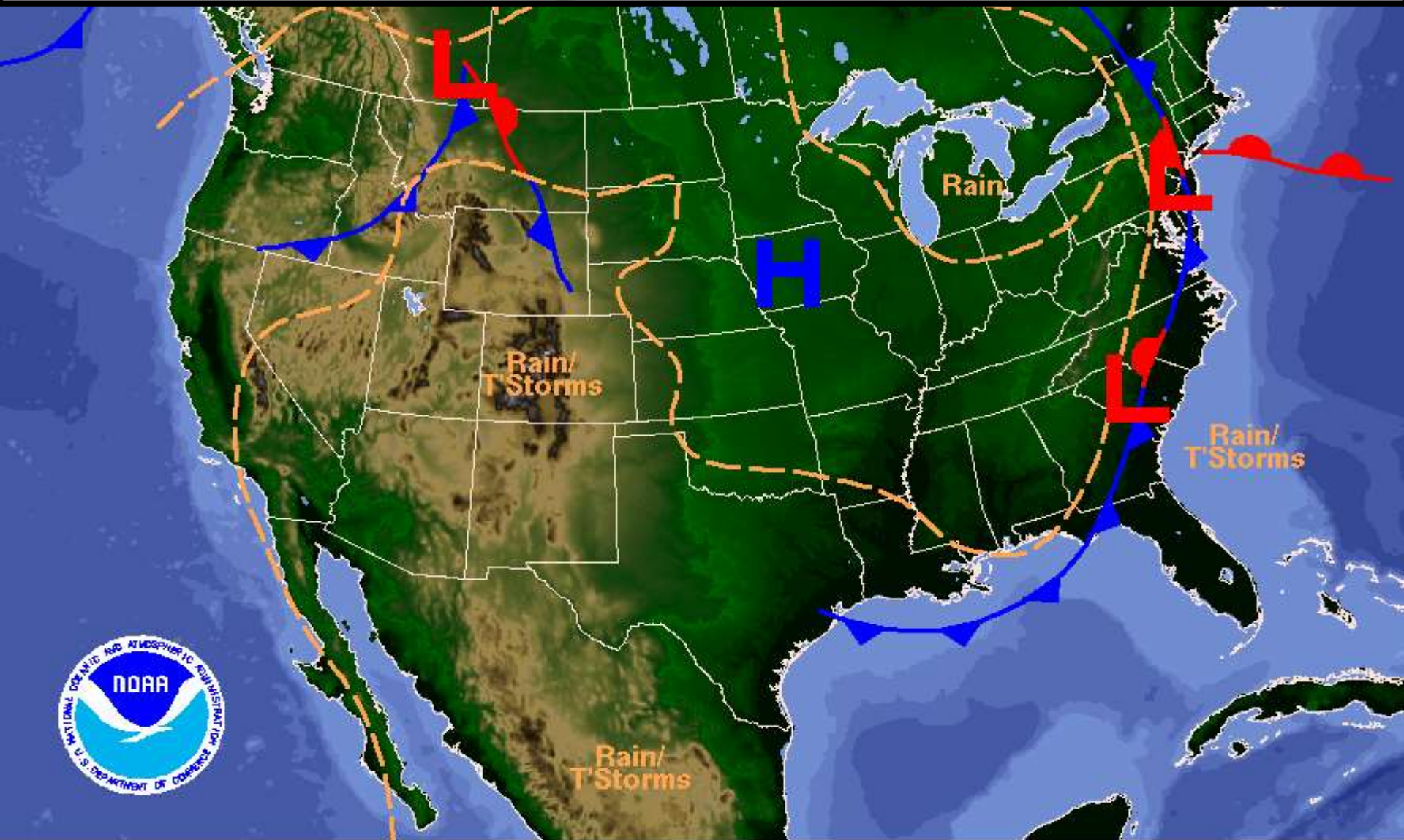


Tropical Storm Erika



- Currently expected to strengthen to a hurricane as it approaches the Bahamas
- Too early to assess impacts to FEMA 6, but current track expected to remain east of the region

Today's Weather








Weather Forecast for Tue, Aug 25, 2015, issued 4:28 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Day 1 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Tue - 0800 Wed



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Severe Thunderstorm Potential



Overall Threat Potential



Probability of Tornado within 25 miles of a point



Probability of Damaging Hail within 25 miles of a point



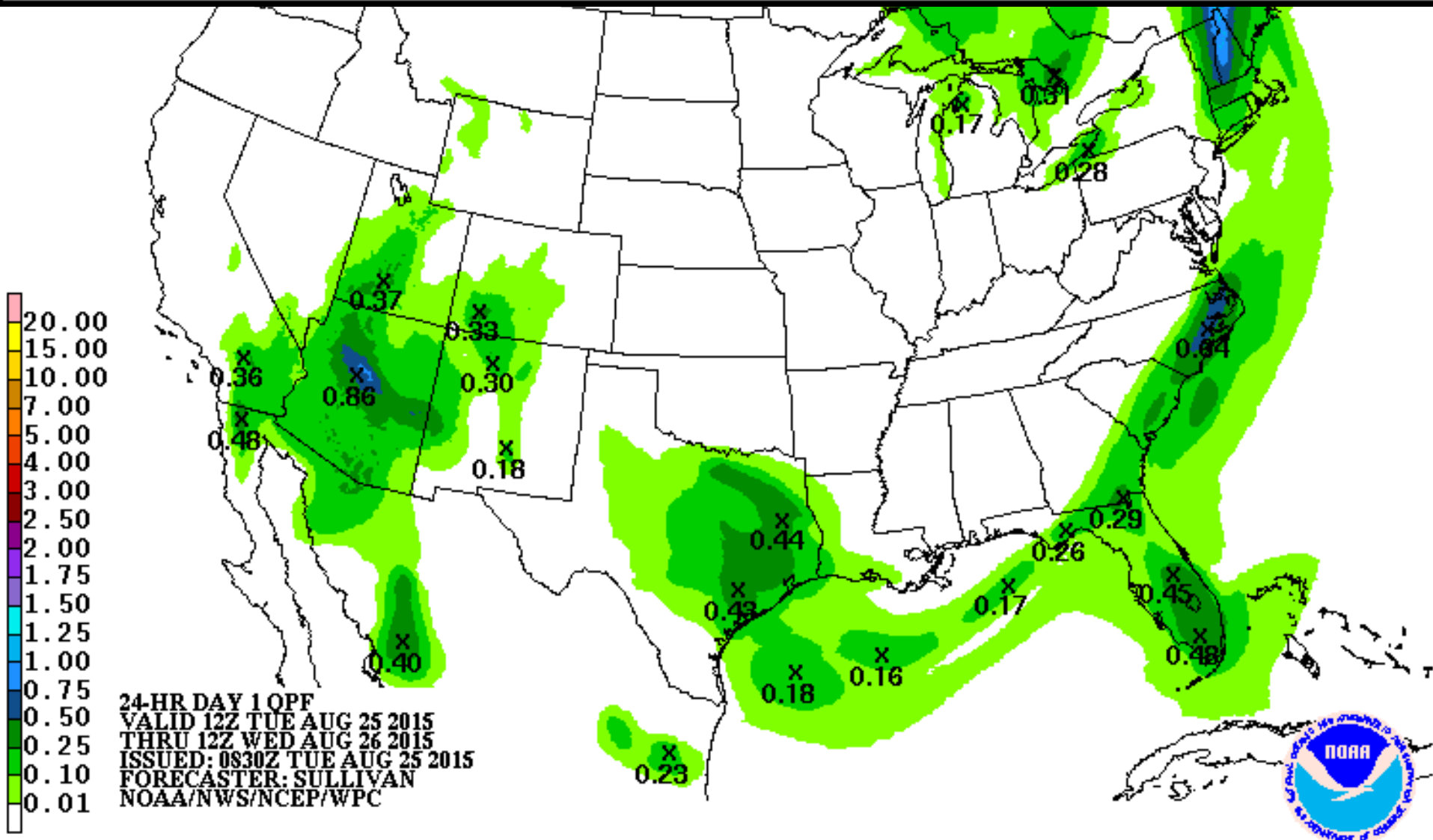
Probability of Damaging Winds within 25 miles of a point



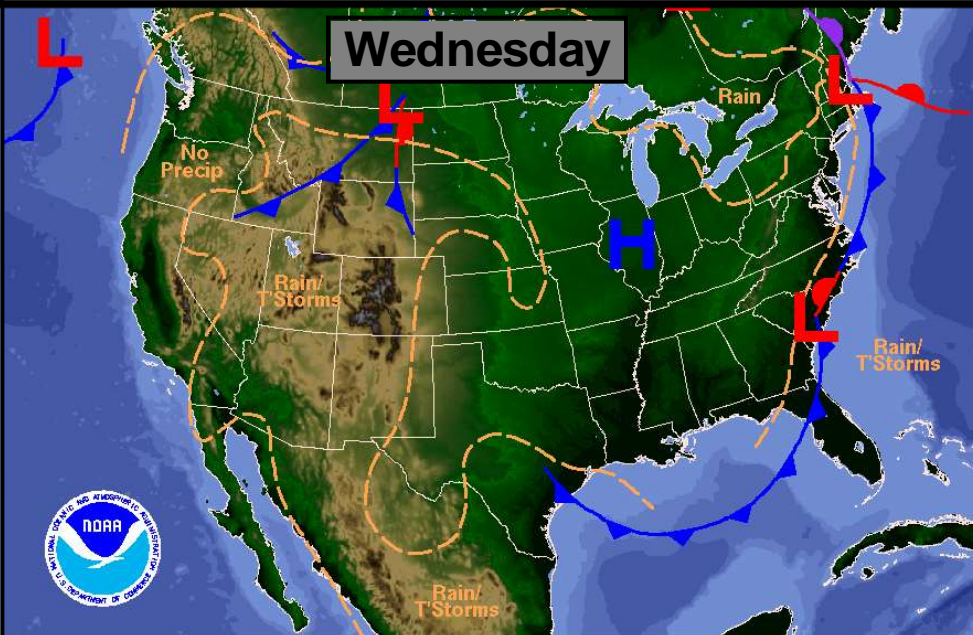
Building a Weather-Ready Nation

Today's Precipitation

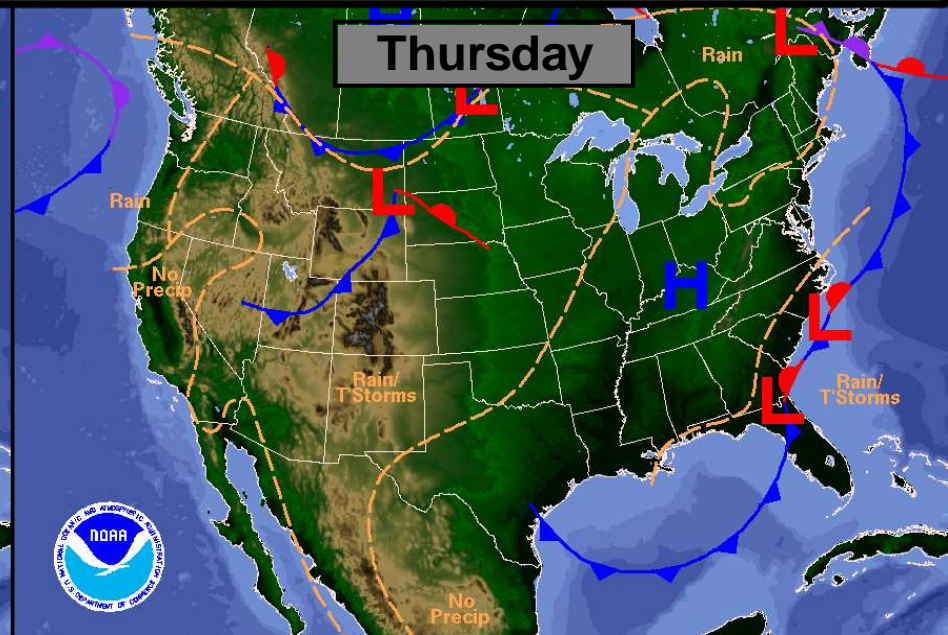
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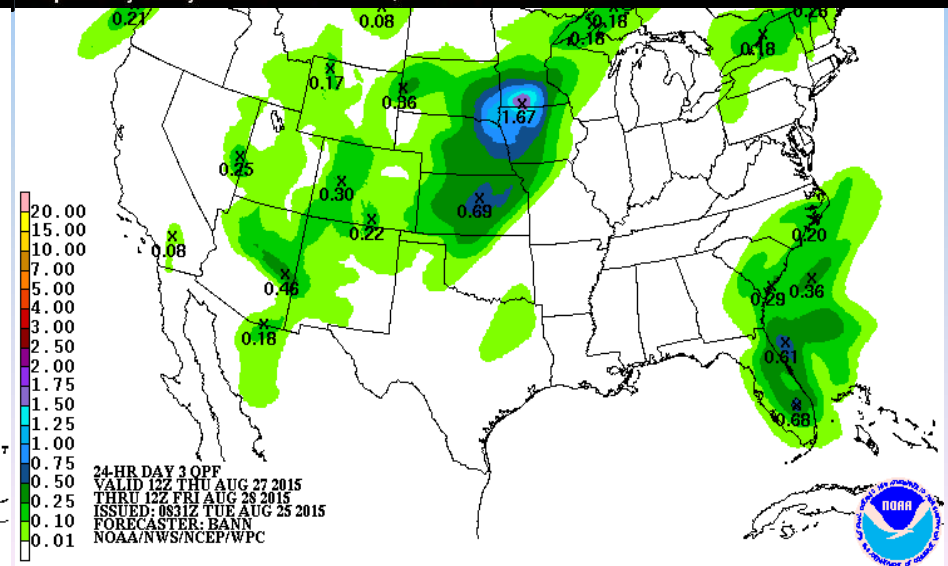
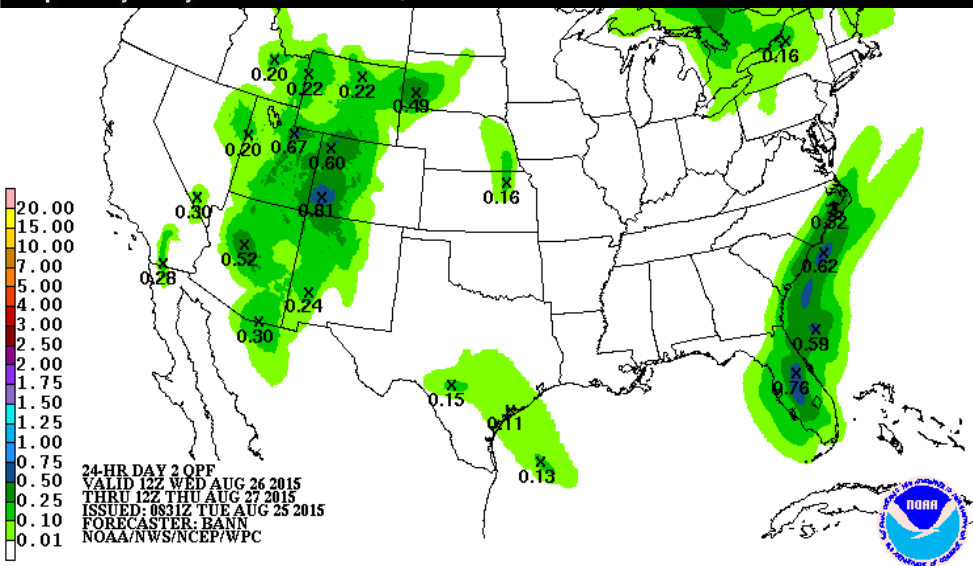
Day 2-3 Weather Maps/Precipitation



Weather Forecast for Wed, Aug 26, 2015, issued 4:35 AM EDT Tue, Aug 25, 2015
 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
 Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



Weather Forecast for Thu, Aug 27, 2015, issued 4:42 AM EDT Tue, Aug 25, 2015
 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
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Day 2-3 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Wed - 0800 Fri



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Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Fri - 0800 Sun



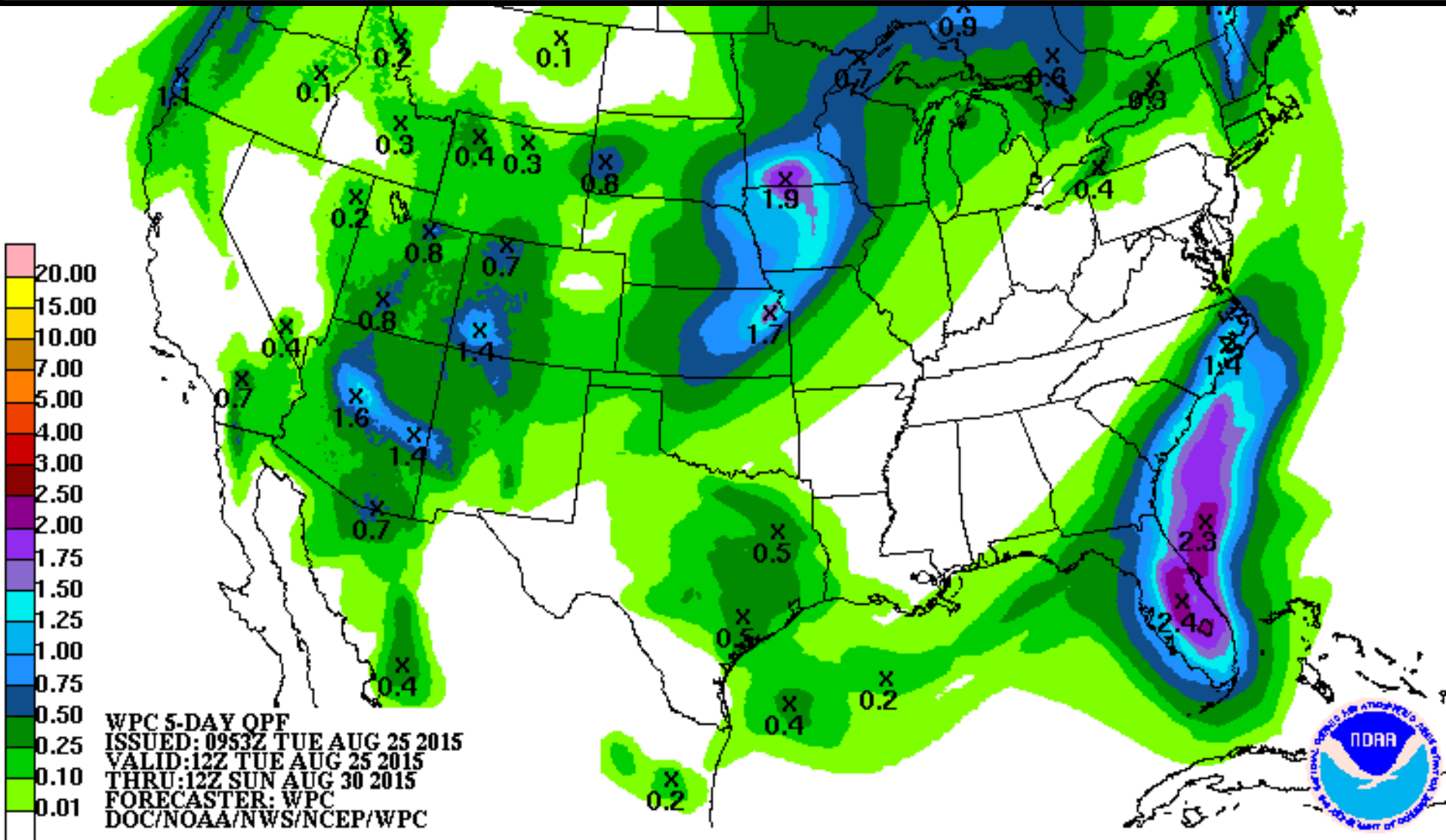
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5-Day Precipitation

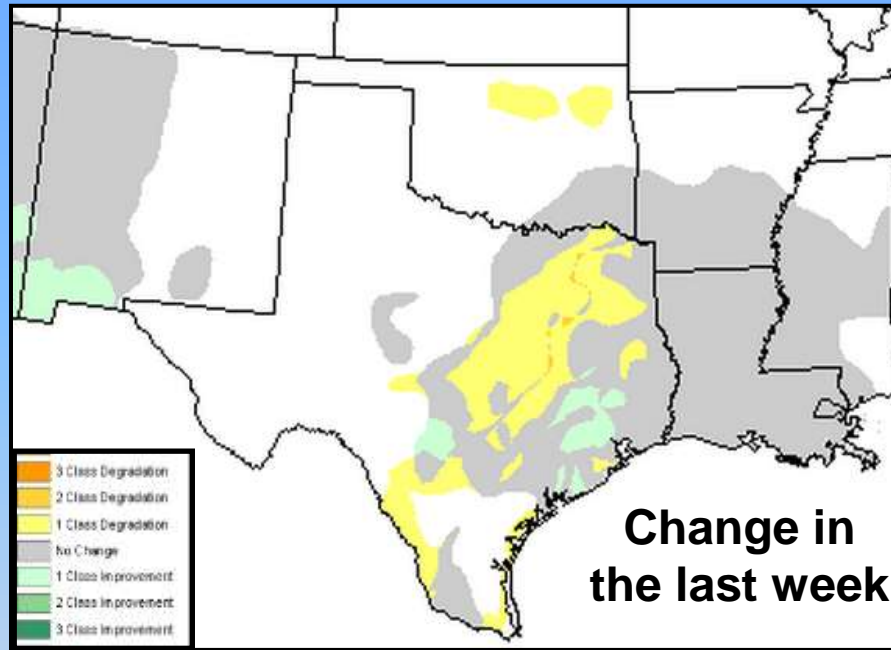
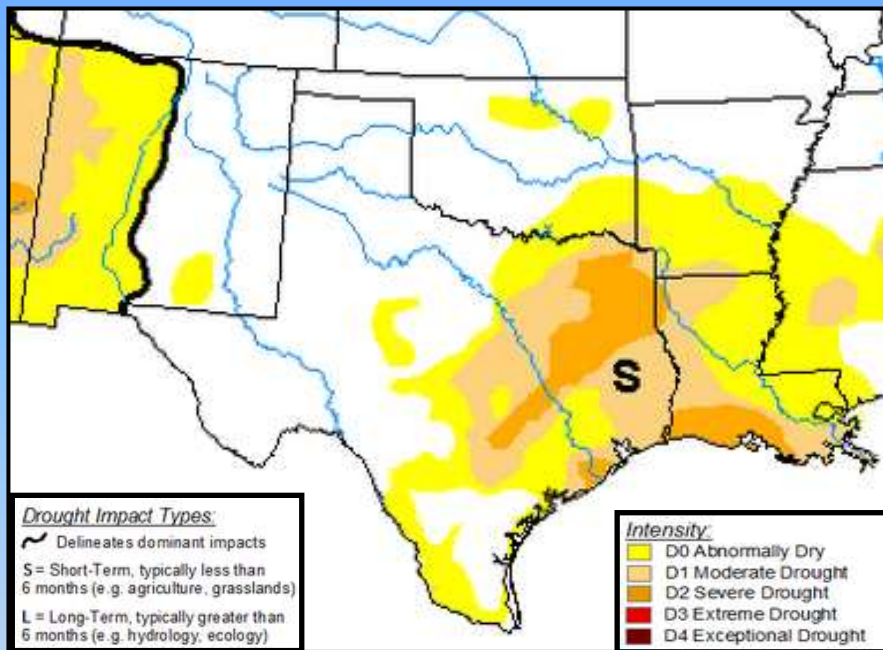
Tue AM - Sun AM





Drought Monitor Released Aug 20, 2015

Data valid as of 7am CDT, Tuesday Aug 18, 2015



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	15.35%
Texas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	15.16%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.39%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

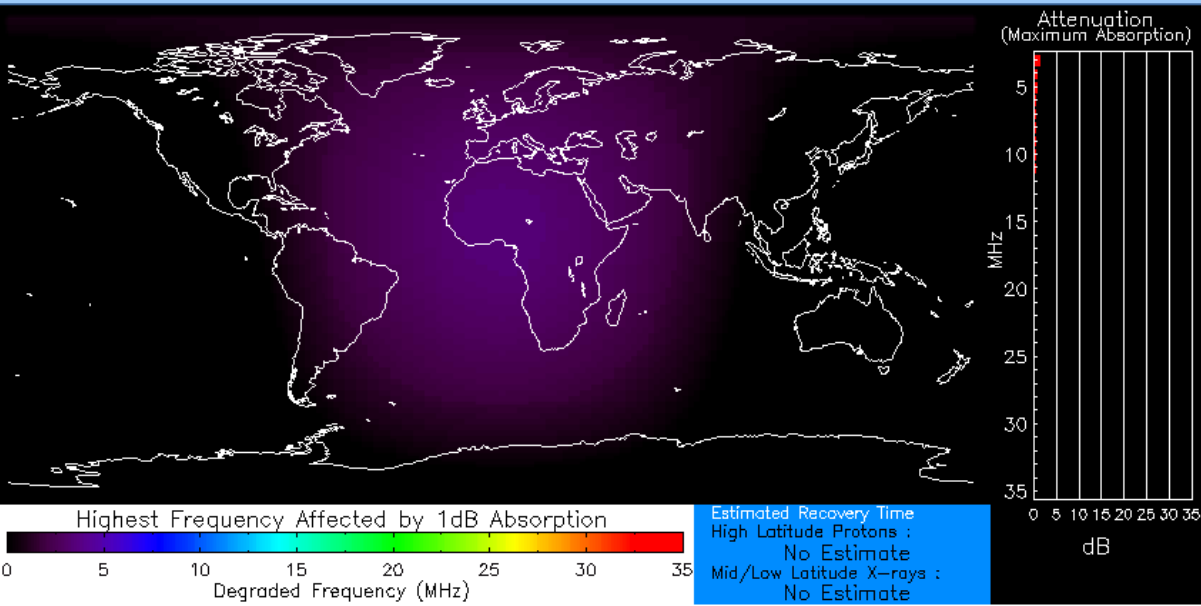
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 2)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	10%	10%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	65%	60%	55%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	10%	10%	5%

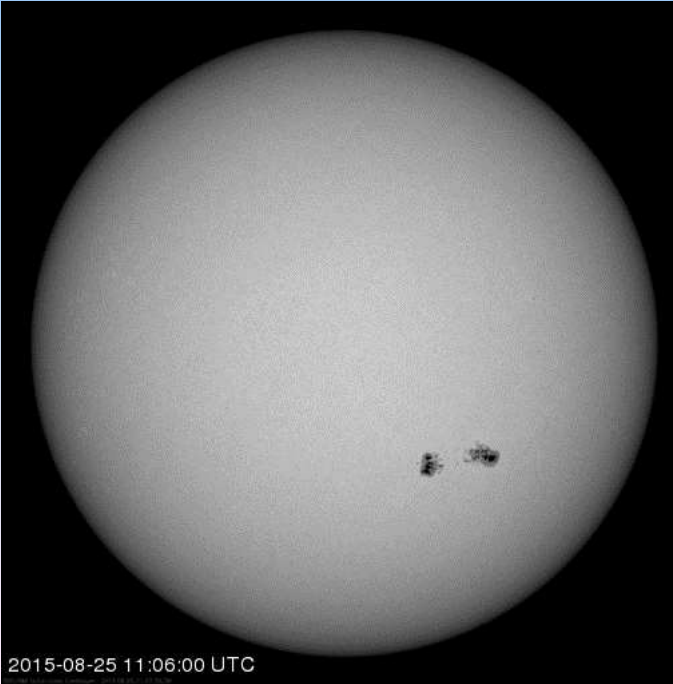
[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

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